

**Health Data Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, November 5, 2001**  
**Room 125, Cannon Health Building**

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In Attendance -

Members: Kim Bateman, Marilyn Tang, Robert Huefner, Sandra Peck, Annette Herman, Leslie Frances, Terry Haven, Gail McGuill, Wen Kuo, Andrew Bowler & Greg Poulsen.  
(Excused members: Scott Ideson and Clark Hinckley)

Staff: Chung-won Lee, Mike Martin, Keith McMillan, John Morgan, Janet Scarlet, Gulzar Shah & Wu Xu

Guests: Orrin Colby (Wasatch Crest Insurance), Sheldon Elman (Div. of Aging & Adult Services) & Linda Lange (UDOH-Health Systems Improvement)

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Andy (Chair) was conducting and started the meeting at 3:40 pm. (No quorum yet)

Wu - Updates

- 1) We got an AHRQ Grant - Utah's partners include HealthInsight, University of Utah, LDS & VA Hospitals. We are also part of another grant, the BRIC grant with the National Association of Health Data Organization(NAHDO) with four other states (Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana)
- 2) We have two administrative rules that we will update- HMO related(copy attached) (HDC members comments expected but not requested at this time)
- 3) Inter- program (in UDOH) consortium

Approved minutes from the last time with the corrections from Bob H.- (all on Page 2) Spell out CAHPS(Consumer Assessment of Health PlanS), change the word to unavailable and change from Bob H. to the group.

Vote on the minutes being correct now - unanimous

New members welcomed

- 1) Terry Haven- Sociologist from Utah Children(Consumer Advocate)
- 2) Gail McGuill- Director of Quality from IHC (Nursing Rep.)
- 3) Marilyn Tang- President/ Founder of Certified Handling Systems (Small Business Rep.)
- 4) Scott Ideson- (Excused this time)

Chung-won - Press Release on HMO Satisfaction Survey

In the HMO Survey we do every year, there are 9 measures. This year we have found that Medicaid participants are a little happier overall than Commercial. Overall rating on the HMO's are good but slightly declining.

Comments from Committee:

- 1) Define Medicaid vs Commercial HMO's
- 2) Include the level of statistical significance
- 3) Have a Quote from someone and the press will pick right up on that.

Robert Rolfs, State Epidemiologist - Bio-Terrorism

- 1) Improve timeliness of data is very important
- 2) Anthrax & Small Pox
- 3) Prevention, detection and response

Deaths prevented will be much greater if system is speeded up

- a. ER data
- b. Hospital Discharge data
- c. Lab data
- d. Pharmacy data

How to get data quicker? Set up systems that:

- a. Enhance notifiable disease surveillance
- b. Urgent care surveillance (facilities tracking care)
- c. SLOB medical care clinics and CDC operations center (open 24/7)
- d. Increase number of sentinel systems
- e. More sentinel intelligent observers (doctors, nurses clinical technicians)

Wu - Long Term Care Moratorium

Conclusion- "To conduct slow and incremental changes with tailored policies for different communities and patient populations would lead a healthy transition to benefit Long Term Care consumers and providers in Utah."

Comments from committee:

- 1) What is the cause and effect? Medicaid payments is the biggest
- 2) Is there more pressure from Nursing Homes, Alternatives or from the State?
- 3) State sees it as it is time to look at a new way
- 4) California has a different way that is working well
- 5) Baseline is that the moratorium is not working any more and something needs to be changed
  - a) Project future needed number of beds
  - b) Change services or type of quality nursing needed
  - c) Some reservations for making recommendation by committee
  - d) Anticipate the attitudes that are changing
  - e) Combine different services in same facility (N. H. and Assisted Living)
  - f) Moratorium is not working anymore
  - g) Quality is compromised by low occupancy & limitations set by moratorium
  - h) Nursing shortage needs to be considered
  - i) Need more time to discuss this
  - j) Need to act soon
  - k) Sub-committee needed to discuss before the next meeting

Discuss and understand next time:

Moratorium is no longer doing what it needs to do

How to end Moratorium in a gradual way

Why quality is compromised by low occupancy rates

What the time frame should be used for the change  
What is proper for the committee to recommend

- , Staff will support with data
- , Sub-committee will work on recommendations

Andy ajourned at 5:25 pm